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ANTILLES GOVERNMENT FORMED

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1. AROUND MIDNIGHT AUGUST 5 TWO GUNMEN PUMPED SEVEN BULLETS INTO CAR OCCUPIED BY PPA LEADER GUILLERMO TRINIDAD AND HIS WIFE. NOT CLEAR WHETHER INTENT WAS TO KILL OR TO FRIGHTEN. TWO SUSPECTS SINCE APPREHENDED.
 2. EARLIER THIS WEEK TWO UNION OFFICIALS CAUSED PAMPHLET TO BE PUBLISHED SAYING PPA LEADERS WHO JOIN NEW GOVERNMENT SHOULD BE HANGED. TWO UNION OFFICIALS HAVE BEEN ARRESTED FOR INCITEMENT.
 3. AS RESULT LATTER ARRESTS ARUBA ISLAND GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES NOW STRIKING. ARUBA AIRPORT CLOSED DUE TO STRIKE OF KEY GROUND PERSONNEL. HOTEL CASINO OPERATORS MEETING TODAY TO DECIDE ON WHETHER TO JOIN STRIKE. IF THEY DO, ACCORDING TO U.S.
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BUSINESSMAN IN ARUBA, REST OF HOTEL EMPLOYEES WILL PROBABLY ALSO GO OUT. THERE HAVE BEEN SPORADIC INTERFERENCES WITH ELECTRICITY, TELEPHONE, AND WATER TODAY, WITH APPREHENSIONS RISING THAT WORKERS CONTROLLING THOSE FACILITIES MAY ALSO VOTE TO JOIN IN STRIKE.

4. NA SECURITY SERVICES ACTING CHIEF TOLD CONGEN AUGUST 9

THAT UNION BOARDS IN ARUBA HAD ALREADY STARTED TO CONSIDER BETICO CROES' PROPOSAL FOR A ONE-DAY GENERAL STRIKE AUGUST 16. BEFORE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS REPORTED PARAS 2 AND 3, ABOVE, IT WAS NASS JUDGMENT THAT IT WAS 50-50 PROPOSITION WHETHER CROES COULD BRING OFF GENERAL STRIKE. ODDS NOW LOOK MUCH MORE FAVORABLE TO HIM.

5. MEANWHILE DEMOCRATIC PARTY CHIEF BOY ROZENDAL HAS ANNOUNCED HIS CABINET AND OBTAINED SIGNATURES OF ALL PROPOSED COALITION PARTIES TO A PROGRAM PROMISING TO WORK TOWARD A MORE AUTONOMY FOR INDIVIDUAL ISLANDS UNDER THEIR OWN CONSTITUTIONS, WITH DELEGATED POWERS BACK TO CENTRAL GOVERNMENT INCORPORATED IN ITS CONSTITUTION. PPA AT FIRST SEEMED ABOUT TO WITHHOLD ITS SCHEDULED SIGNATURE, DUE TO ATTEMPT AND THREATS AGAINST ITS LEADERS, BUT AFTER DAY-LONG MEETING DECIDED TO SIGN, AND DID SO AUGUST 10.

6. ROZENDAL'S NEW GOVERNMENT AS FOLLOWS:

MINISTER PRESIDENT - BOY ROZENDAL, DP (CURACAO)

SOCIAL AFFAIRS (I.E. LABOR) - HUBERT SPENCER, DP (CURACAO)

PUBLIC HEALTH - G. T. HERMANDEZ, DP (CURACAO)

JUSTICE - LEO CHANCE, PPA (ARUBA, BUT BORN SABA)

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FINANCE - MAX CROES, PPA (ARUBA)

EDUCATION - FAUSTINA FRANK, PPA (ARUBA)

ECONOMIC AFFAIRS - MAURITZ LARMONIE, NVP (CURACAO BUT ORIGINS IN WINDWARD ISLANDS)

WELFARE - MIGUEL POURIER, NVP (BONAIRE)

.MINISTER PLENIPOTENTIARY AT THE HAGUE - ELDRED MATURO, NVP (CURACAO)

7. COMMENT. NAG STILL TRYING TO AVOID CONFRONTATION WITH CROES AND MEP. BUT LATTER ARE APPARENTLY INTENT ON FORCING REGRESSIVE STEPS THAT WILL CRYSTALLIZE ARUBANS BEHIND CROES AND MAKE HIM ARUBA'S "LIBERATOR" OR MARTYR, OR BOTH. WITH TODAY'S ACTIONS ALREADY CUTTING INTO TOURIST TRAVEL AND POSSIBLY INTO NIGHTLIFE, ARUBANS SEEM ALSO INTENT ON SHOOTING THEMSELVES IN THE FOOT.
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